

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT FOR IC-78 REFUELLING PLANES WITH UZBEKISTAN

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made an agreement with Uzbekistan for procuring IC-78 for filling fuel during the flight of the planes of Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are formulating a scheme to develop such plane indigenously;
- (d) if so, the salient features of the above scheme; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An agreement has been signed in February 2001 with Uzbekistan for procurement of six IL-78 Flight Refuelling Aircraft (FRA).

(c) to (e): No, Sir, because of small requirement of such aircraft.